

**Amendment After Final Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Arne Berger et al.

Application No.: 10/562,662

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For: LONGITUDINAL PLUNGING UNIT WITH  
CAGE SECURING MEANS

Examiner: G. J. Binda

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 12-15, 17, 26, 28, 29 and 32, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.